

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:496

ANSWERED ON:24.04.2003

TERRORIST ATTACK ON OIL INSTALLATIONS IN J & K AND NORTH EAST

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether terrorists targeted oil installations in Jammu in March 2003 killing and injuring several people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of incidents of terrorist attacks on oil installation in Jammu & Kashmir and North-East during 2002-03; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure safety of oil installations in sensitive areas ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 496 BY SHRI BRAR TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH APRIL, 2003 REGARDING 'TERRORIST ATTACK ON OIL INSTALLATIONS IN J&K / NORTH-EAST'.

(a) & (b) : There was an incident of explosion of a bomb implanted in a contractor's tank truck No. JK-02-Q-327 parked alongwith another tank truck outside Jammu Depot of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) in front of the emergency gate of depot of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited at around 0745 hrs. on 26th March, 2003. One cleaner expired on the spot and 4-5 persons including driver of the tank truck and its crew were injured in the incident. Another tank truck parked beside was also extensively damaged due to fire.

(c) : In Jammu & Kashmir no other instance of terrorist attack on oil installation had been reported. As regards North-East, details are given in Annexure - I.

(d) : The details are given in Annexure - II.

ANNEXURE - I

DETAILS OF INCIDENTS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OIL INSTALLATIONS IN NORTH-EAST DURING 2002-03.

Sl.No.	Name of the oil PSU	Brief of the incident	Loss incurred (estimated)
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I	Indian Oil Corporation Limited	1. Digboi-Tinsukia Petroleum product pipeline blown up about 17 km. away from Digboi town by a blast on 21st January, 2003 at around 0200 hrs. The damaged section of pipeline was repaired in 44 hrs. and operation normalized.	Rs. 22.42 lakh.
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		On 7th March, 2003 at around 1145 hrs. a fire broke out in a petrol tank in the Digboi Refinery Tank Farm. The fire was completely extinguished at 1215 hrs. on 10th March, 2003.	Rs. 14.47 crore.
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II	Oil India Limited	On 8th March, 2003 at around 0120 hrs.	Rs. 25 lakh.
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there was an incident of explosion and huge fire in one 8 inch gas pipeline and another 10 inch gas pipeline between oil and gas collection stations of Kathalguri outside the boundary wall of Kathalguri oil collection station in Dibrugarh District.

ANNEXURE - II

DETAILS OF STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE SAFETY OF OIL INSTALLATIONS IN SENSITIVE AREAS.

Apart from safety measures in line with Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) guidelines, the following safety and security measures are adopted for refineries, oil installations and petroleum & natural gas pipelines in the sensitive areas:

- Strict Access control is enforced.
- Gadgets like HHMD, Explosive detectors are used to check personnel and vehicles.
- Sniffer dogs are pressed into service to check for explosives at random.
- Provision of boundary wall of 3 metres plus 0.6 metre barbed wire fencing at all locations.
- Round the clock patrolling by CRPF, CISF, Home guards, State Police and Army outside the boundary walls.
- Helicopter patrolling in Assam sector as well as in West Bengal and Bihar.
- Regular meetings with airport authority, Police, IAF authorities at aviation fuel stations.
- Close liaison with intelligence (Core) group of State Police and District authorities.
- Sharing of intelligence between the in-house intelligence cell and local army/police authorities on regular basis.
- Periodical monitoring of safety and security measures through Intelligence Bureau team.